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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

SEIICHI HARA, et al.

: ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION

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FOR: NOVEL PEPTIDE-FORMING ENZYME GENES

STATEMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

Applicants submit herewith a Sequence Listing and a corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing. The sequence information recorded in the corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing is identical to the paper copy of the Sequence Listing. Support for all of the sequences listed in the Sequence Listing is found in the present application.

Applicants submit that the present application is ready for examination on the merits. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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